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Dear Secretary Dortch,

The mission of the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association is to be the voice of social and professional issues relating to law enforcement and to be a resource to its members. We are committed to identifying obstacles for field officers and developing creative solutions. On behalf of the Association I am writing today to seek your support of the Consensus Plan, which is a creative and comprehensive solution to the 800 MHz radio interference problems affecting our public safety colleagues around the country.

The Consensus Plan is a proactive approach that will eliminate interference before it becomes a problem. Also, public safety will gain additional spectrum that will provide the room needed to grow as new communications platforms arise. The Plan is also fully funded by a private entity.

Interference is a critical problem and the Consensus Plan encompasses public safety's current and future needs. As a community of officers and emergency management officials we support this comprehensive plan and we look forward to working together to eliminate interference completely with the Consensus Plan.

On behalf of the members of the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your support.

Very truly yours,

Chief J. David Smith, President

Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association